

SUPPORTING OUR CARE PARTNERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



By Agency for Integrated Care

In response to the escalating COVID-19 situation in late January 2020, the Agency of Integrated Care (AIC), with support from the Ministry of Health (MOH), organised multiple mask fitting sessions in January and February to support our General Practitioners (GPs) in the Primary Care setting. As the gatekeeper and first-line provider of care in the community, GPs and clinic staff are at an increased risk of catching any communicable disease such as COVID-19. Ensuring medical workers are adequately protected is therefore imperative in the fight against COVID-19. While the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) helps keep doctors and staff safe when treating patients, the true efficacy of PPE such as masks is ensured only when users are properly fitted.

Since the introduction of the Public Health Preparedness Clinics (PHPC) scheme in 2015, multiple mask-fitting sessions have been organised during peacetime to support both PHPCs and other healthcare workers in their roles as providers of care to Singaporeans. In view of the rapid spread and worsening of COVID-19 cases, various teams were instantly activated to organise mask fitting sessions at various locations over Singapore. This collaborative effort made it possible for a total of 1027 participants including GPs, clinic staff, as well as healthcare workers in the Intermediate and Long Term Care (ILTC) sector to be mask-fitted.



Guiding participants on the proper way of wearing masks and conducting of seal checks



Ensuring a proper fit between the mask and face with the use of a bitter solution – if the user does not detect the taste of the solution, the fit is acceptable.

We will continue to support our healthcare professionals including GPs like you in the battle against COVID-19. Once again, we thank you for your selflessness and dedication in providing care in the community.



If you have any queries on the response to COVID-19 in the primary care setting, please contact the GP Engagement team at gp@aic.sg or 6632 1199, or visit Primary Care Pages (www.primarycarepages.sg)